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Stated Clerk—Rev. J. N. H. Summerell New Bern, N. C., 1929.

Treasurer—Rev. A. J. Crane, Tarboro, N. C., 1929.

Trustees of Presbytery—H. H. Taylor, Chairman, Tarboro; C. A. Johnson, Tarboro; A. P. Thorpe, Rocky Mount.

Trustees of Davidson College—Exit Fall 1928: Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, New Bern; Exit Fall of 1927: Thos. G. Hyman, New Bern.

Trustees of Peace Institute—Exit Fall 1929: Rev. H. B. Searight, Washington; Exit Fall 1927: Mr. Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro.

Historian—Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, 1929.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. **Presbyterial Home Missions**—1928:Revs. H. B. Searight, Chairman; A. J. Crane, Superintendent; J. N. H. Summerell, W. S. Harden, C. G. Lynch, Elders B. W. Moseley, H H. Taylor, W. L. Groom, E. L. Stewart, S. & F.

2. **Assembly's & Synod's Home Missions**—1928: Revs. Scattergood, Chairman; W. T. Wadley, Elder John Slaughter. S. & F.

3. **Foreign Missions**—1927: Revs. W. T. Wadley, Chairman; J. A. Vache, Elder W. C. Dresbach. F. & S.

4. **Christian Education and Ministerial Relief**—1927: Revs. H. H. Leach, Chairman; H. B. Searight, Elders S. K. Fountain, C. M. Brown. S. & F.

5. **Religious Education**—1927: Rev. W. A. Gamble, Chairman· W. A. Dees.

Sec. 1.—Sunday Schools: Rev. W. A. Gamble, Elder Dr. W. L. Smith.

Sec. 2—Y. P. Work: Rev. D. H. Dulin, Elder Dr. J. R. Edmundson.

6. **Women's Societies**—1927: Rev. J. L. Yandell, S.

7. **Schools and Colleges**—1928:————Chairman; Rev. Peter McIntyre; Elder R. H. Bachman. S. & F.

8. **Orphans' Home**—1929: Revs. J. A. Satterfield, J. A. Vache; Elders W. G. Sheppard, Dr. W. L. Hand. F.

9. **Bible Cause**—1929: Rev. L. Cook Campbell; Elders W. L. Groom, David Joyner. F.

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Wilson, N. C., June 15, 1926.

Albemarle Presbytery met at 3:00 p. m., in the Presbyterian church.

Present—Rev. Messrs. Scattergood, Searight, Summerell, Satterfield, Crane, Yandell, Dulin, Leach, Campbell, Fleming, Harden; *Elders*—A. N. Daniel, of Wilson, and C. S. Overman, of Berea.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Harden.

Rev. Joe Mack, of Granville Presbytery, was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Bro. Mack stated that his presence was on business concerning the transfer of the property of Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian church from Albemarle Presbytery to Granville. This property was deeded in 1921 to the Trustees of the Presbytery: Jno. Webb, Leo. D. Heartt, and George Howard, and their successors in office.

The request of that church, through its pastor, Mr. Mack, is, that the Presbytery of Albemarle direct its Board of Trustees, Messrs. H. H. Taylor, C. A. Johnson, and A. P. Thorpe to transfer the title of said property to the local Trustees of the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian church, namely: A. L. Clark, F. L. Nash, and J. R. Manning, and their successors in office.

This request was, on motion, granted, and the Clerk was ordered to issue the necessary papers.

Rev. E. C. Lynch, of West Lexington Presbytery, was introduced as a visiting brother. He presented a dismission, in due form, from his Presbytery to Albemarle. After the prescribed examination, he was received and his name enrolled.

A call was read from the Wilson church for the pastoral services of Mr. Lynch. This call was found irregular as to

its formal requirements, but after the Presbytery learned the circumstances, this irregularity in form was waived, and the Call was placed in Mr. Lynch's hands, accepted by him, and the following Commission was named to install him, at such time as might be found most convenient to the church, to the pastor-elect, and to the Commission: Rev. L. Cook Campbell to preside, Rev. H. B. Searight to charge the pastor; Elder Harry Smith, with W. L. Groom, Alternate, to charge the people. Rev. J. B. Massie, a former pastor, was requested to preach the sermon, with Rev. Willard Conger, Alternate.

Nahalah church was chosen as place for the regular Fall Sessions: Tuesday, two weeks after the meeting of Synod, the time, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Lynch was chosen to preach the Presbyterial Sermon; the subject to be selected after a further conference with the Nahalah Church and Mr. Lynch.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Family Religion was deferred till the Fall Meeting.

The churches of the Presbytery were urged to make an offering for the support of the cause of the Lord's Day Alliance, in the manner and at the time and according to the plan and desire of the General Assembly.

Presbytery authorized that all renewals of applications for aid for our beneficiaries be only for the same amounts as last year.

It was ordered that the Presbytery should meet at the call of the Moderator during Synod at Statesville.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer by Mr. Lynch.

F. H. Scattergood, *Moderator.*

J. N. H. Summerell, *Clerk.*

The 75th semi-annual meeting to be held at Nahalah, Oct. 26, 1926.

Called Meeting

Tarboro, N. C., Sept. 16, 1926.

The Presbytery of Albemarle convened in Tarboro in the Howard Memorial Church at 2:00 p. m.

The Moderator, Rev. F. H. Scattergood, called the Presbytery to order, and led in prayer.

Present—Rev. Messrs. Searight, Fleming, Iverson, Crane, Wildman, Leach, Hanrahan, Conger, Yandell, Scattergood, Vache; *Elders*—Lovegrove, Nahalah; Pender, Howard Memorial; Paylor, Farmville; Brown, Pinetops.

Mr. Yandell, on request, acted as Clerk. The Call was read, and found in order.

A request, properly executed, has come to the hand of your Moderator for a call meeting of Albemarle Presbytery, to be convened at Tarboro, N. C., Howard Memorial Church, Thursday, Sept. 16, 1926, at 2:00 p. m., to transact the following items of business:

1st—Examine Mr. W. Arnett Gamble, Jr., a candidate for the ministry, for Licensure and Ordination.

2nd—To take order for his installation as pastor of the Pinetops church.

3rd—To consider a Spiritual Life Conference.

Truly yours,
FRANK H. SCATTERGOOD, Moderator.
Elizabeth City, N. C., Aug. 30th, 1926.

The Presbytery then entered upon the Examination of Candidate W. A. Gamble. His diplomas from Davidson College and Union Seminary, were accepted in lieu of Examinations on Languages, and Church History. He was then examined on all of the subjects required by Book of Church Order—each approved. Then was heard the Popular Lecture, the Exegesis, Thesis, and Sermon, whose text was, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that

love God, to those who are the called, according to his purpose.''—Romans 8:28.

Each being satisfactory, as parts of trial, the whole examination was approved and sustained and the following Commission was appointed to license and ordain and install W. Arnett Gamble at Pinetops church on Oct. 10th, at 11:00 a. m.: A. J. Crane, J. T. Wildman, G. B. Hanrahan; Elders Jno. R Pender, B. W. Brown.

Presbytery declined to appoint a time and arrange for a Spiritual Life Conference.

The Minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned, being closed with prayer.

F. H. Scattergood, *Moderator.*

J. L. Yandell, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest—J. N. H. Summerell, *Stated Clerk.*

Called Meeting

Tarboro, N. C., Sept. 27, 1926.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met in Tarboro in the Howard Memorial church at 2:00 p. m. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. A. J. Crane, the oldest member present, acted as Moderator.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev. Daniel Iverson. Mr. Yandell acted as Temporary Clerk.

Present—Rev. Messrs. Crane, Iverson, Yandell, Harden, Satterfield; *Elders*—R. B. Peters, of Howard Memorial and J. T. Lawrence of Wm. and Mary Hart Chapel (no roll was given by the Temporary Clerk, and the Stated Clerk had to *guess* who was present.)

The Call was read and found in order.

THE CALL

September 16, 1927.

This is to notify you that Presbytery is constitutionally called to meet in Tarboro, Monday, Sept. 27th, at 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of considering the resignation of Rev. Daniel Iverson as pastor of Howard Memorial Presbyterian church and William and Mary Hart Chapel and all other items of business growing out of said resignation.

F. H. SCATTERGOOD, Moderator.

Mr. Iverson, in tendering his resignation of his churches, gave his reasons for requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation now existing. Elder R. B. Peters stated that Howard Memorial church concurred in the request and Elder J. T. Lawrence stated that Wm. and Mary Hart Chapel also concurred. The resignation was accepted and the pastoral relationship was dissolved to take effect early in October. And a letter of dismission to St. John's Presbytery, Synod of Florida, was granted Mr. Iverson.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint some one to preach in both churches, and officially declare them vacant. Rev. J. A. Vache was appointed.

The minutes were read and approved, and after prayer the Presbytery adjourned.

A. J. CRANE, *Moderator.*

J. L. YANDELL, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest—J. N. H. SUMMERELL, *Stated Clerk.*

Adjourned Meeting

Statesville, N. C., Oct. 13, 1926.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met in a committee room of the Presbyterian church at the call of the Moderator.

Present—Rev. F. H. Scattergood, Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Searight, Crane, Summerell, Fleming, Vache, Dulin, Hanrahan, Wildman, McIntyre, Gamble, Campbell, Satterfield, Wadley, Lynch, Harden; *Elder* E. A. Williams, of Calvary church.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev. Peter McIntyre. Rev. Marion Huske, of Orange Presbytery was introduced. He came, representing the Home Mission Committee of his Presbytery.

Rev. N. N. Fleming, Jr., presented a call from a group of churches in Orange Presbytery with Hawfields church as a center, which he wished to accept; so he tendered his resignation of Farmville church to Presbytery, requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relations there.

The action of Farmville church, reluctantly uniting with him in the request, was read, Presbytery then accepted the resignation, to take effect in November as mutually agreed upon. Mr. Fleming was granted a letter of dismission to Orange Presbytery. It was with sincere regret that Albemarle thus parted with Bro. Fleming, especially as an important church within our bounds had sent him a most flattering call, but he had felt that he must go to Hawfields church.

Notice was given of a meeting of the Presbyterial Home Mission Committee at Nahalah church at 3:00 p. m., October 26.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer by Rev. M. Harden.

(Regular Fall meeting at Nahalah church, 7:30 p. m., October 26, 1926.)

F. H. Scattergood, *Moderator.*

Attest—J. N. H. Summerell, *Stated Clerk.*

Seventy-Fifth Stated Meeting

LXXV.

Nahalah Church, near Scotland Neck, N. C.,
October 26, 1926.

Presbytery of Albemarle met according to adjournment at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. F. H. Scattergood, Moderator, preached an earnest opening sermon from the text: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," Phil. 2:5.

The Roll was called and a quorum being present, Presbytery elected unanimously as Moderator, Rev. H. H. Leach, Evangelist of Pitt County. Rev. W. S. Harden was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Ministers	Elders	Churches
L. Cook Campbell	George Jefferson	Fountain
A. J. Crane		
D. H. Dulin		
W. A. Gamble	Dr. B. W. Brown	Pinetops
	Lee H. Lovegrove	Nahalah
W. S. Harden		
H. H. Leach		
E. C. Lynch	H. D. Brown (2)	Wilson
J. A. Satterfield	Octavius Joyner	Bethlehem
	J. J. Ivers	Rocky Mount 2nd
F. H. Scattergood		
H. B. Searight		
J. N. H. Summerell		
W. D. Wadley		
J. T. Wildman		
Peter McIntyre	W. A. Dees	Goldsboro
Willard Conger (2)	C. W. Woodward (2)	Rocky Mount 1st
	H. E. Shaw	Kinston
	R. B. Peters	Howard Memorial
	J. T. Lawrence	Wm. & Mary Hart Chp.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie of Orange Presbytery, was introduc-

ed, and as his engagements demanded that he take a very early train in the morning, he was heard at once as chairman of Synodical Home Missions. This being his first appearance on the floor of this Presbytery, his address, earnest, and sympathetic of our needs, made the impression on the brethren that he was a true and worthy successor of the lamented Brother A. W. Crawford.

After the address Presbytery was, by request, led in prayer by Rev. A. J. Crane, with special reference to Synod's Home Missions.

Rev. W. A. Gamble, as chairman of Committee on Hours and Orders presented the following paper which was adopted. Mr. Gamble then made a few remarks on Nahalah church, its lights and shadows, its encouraging outlook. [The church and grounds had recently undergone repairs and improvements and it made a fine impression on the brethren.—S. C.]

HOURS AND ORDERS

Presbytery to convene at 9:00 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. each day; dinner at 12:30; reconvene at 2:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.; night at 7:30—adjourning at will.

Devotional service Wednesday morning conducted by the Rev. A. J. Crane; on Thursday morning by the Rev. H. B. Searight.

Presbyterial Sermon, Wednesday at 11:00 a. m., by the Rev. E. C. Lynch.

Popular meeting on Foreign Missions Wednesday night, according to Standing Rules.

W. A. GAMBLE.

On motion, the time and place of next meeting was advanced on the Docket and taken up. Dr. B. W. Brown, Elder from Pinetops, extended a most cordial invitation to Presbytery to hold its next regular meeting in the Presbyterian church there in April next. The invitation was heartily accepted. The time was left to be decided upon later.

The minutes of two adjourned meetings and two called meetings were read as information.

Presbytery then adjourned. Closed with prayer by Bro. W. T. Wadley.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

Wednesday, October 27, 1926.

The Devotional Exercises led by Rev. A. J. Crane, after which came business.

The minutes of last night's meeting were read and approved, as corrected.

Communications were read, as follows:

From the Church papers—concerning Church Paper week. On motion, the action of the Assembly was endorsed, and the papers recommended, especially to the churches in this Presbytery was recommended the *Presbyterian Standard.*

A letter was read from the President of the Young Peoples' League of the Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A letter from the Clerk of Assembly concerning Bureau of Vacancy and Supply. Referred to Committee.

From Orphans' Home—Referred to Committee.

From Clerk of Synod relative to matters needing Presbyterial action—Referred to Committee on Religious Education.

From Rev. J. H. Henderlite, relative to observation of Sunday, Oct. 31st, as Reformation Day—Referred as information.

From J. B. Spillman, Secretary of Stewardship, relative to apportionment to churches—Referred to Systematic Beneficence Committee.

From Assembly's Historical Society—Read and referred to Committee on Nominations.

The following report was approved:

The Commission of Albemarle Presbytery, composed of Revs. A. J. Crane, G. B. Hanrahan and J. T. Wildman, and Elders John R. Pender of the Howard Memorial church and Dr. B. W. Brown of the Pinetops church, met at the Pinetops church October 10th, 1926, at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The Commission was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. J. Crane, and opened with prayer. Elder John R. Pender was elected Clerk of the Commission. The letter of Candidate W. A. Gamble, dismissing him from the care of the Presbytery of Macon to care of the Presbytery of Albemarle, was read and Mr. Gamble was received.

The examination of Mr. Gamble for Licensure and Ordination, held previously by the Presbytery, were passed as satisfactory parts of trial, and the action of Presbytery in raising this commission was aprpoved.

Rev. D. H. Dulin being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the commission, and to take part in the Ordination and Installation.

The Commission proceeded in the following order: Rev. G. B. Hanrahan preached the sermon, Rev. A. J. Crane presided, and propounded the constitutional questions.

The Commission then set Mr. Gamble apart to the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of hands, and prayer by the Moderator.

The Commission then proceeded to the installation in the following manner: The call from Pinetops church was found in order, and placed in Mr. Gamble's hands, and he signified his acceptance of the same. The questions to the pastor and congregation being answered in the affirmative, Rev. J. T. Wildman delivered a solemn charge to the congregation and Rev. A. J. Crane delivered the charge to the pastor, and the congregation was dismissed with Apostolic benediction by the newly installed pastor.

A. J. CRANE, Moderator.

JOHN R. PENDER, Clerk.

Rev. Mr. Gamble then signed the Pledge, and his name was officially placed on the Roll of the Presbytery.

The report of the Treasurer was approved:

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM APRIL 1st to DATE

	Home Mis.	Pres. Fd.
Balance from last year	$ 447.77	$ 553.58
Received from churches	2,022.00	219.25
Borrowed	850.00	
Total	$3,319.77	$ 772.93
Paid out	2,964.56	515.64
Balance in Treasurer	354.21	257.29

Total on hand	$611.50
Due Bank $400.00. Due on Salaries	400.00
Leaving an apparent deficit Nov. 1st of about	200.00
Total amount due from churches was	$3,480.20
Total paid by churches	2,241.25
Balance due from churches	1,239.45

This simply means if the churches had paid in full the amounts due to September 31st, that we would not have had to borrow any money, and would have had enough to run us until January 1st, without debt. What shall we do about it?

A. J. CRANE, Treasurer.

Rev. I. N. Clegg, of Fayetteville Presbytery, was introduced and the privileges of the floor were granted to him.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Devotional Committee—Rev. W. A. Gamble, Chairman, Lee H. Lovegrove.

On Attendance—Rev. D. H. Dulin, Chairman, Rev. J. T. Wildman, H. E. Shaw.

On Minutes of Assembly—Rev H. B. Searight, Chairman, Rev. F. H. Scattergood, J. J. Ivers.

On Nominations—Rev. A. J. Crane, Chairman, Rev. Peter McIntyre, Rev. Willard Conger.

On Resolutions of Thanks—Rev. L. Cook Campbell, Chairman, Rev. W. T. Wadley.

Recess was taken for five minutes.

Rev. E. C. Lynch then preached a most carefully thought-out sermon—making a most favorable impression on the congregation. Text, Acts 16:31—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and thy house."

Presbytery then took recess for lunch prepared by the ladies, which was greatly enjoyed.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Upon reassembling the Stated Clerk made a verbal report, which was received as information, as was also a report of the Superintendent of Home Missions of the Presbytery, and also the report of the Assembly's and Synod's Home Mission Committee.

In connection with this last report, on motion, Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the address of Rev. E. E. Gillespie on Synod's Home Missions, plans and outlook and a cordial invitation was given him to attend our sessions whenever possible.

The report on Schools and Colleges was read and adopted, as follows:

Your committee would call the attention of the Presbytery to growing interest in our Church schools as shown by the fact that the schools are not only full, but students are being turned away, about 300 having been turned away from Davidson College.

This interest while gratifying calls for the loyal support of these institutions, and in the case of Union Seminary the growth in student body to 151 last year, has meant an added deficit in finances each year for several years, the institution closing last year with a debt of approximately $30,000.00.

In view of this overcrowded condition, and that Albemarle Presbytery has apportioned only 7½ per cent of our total Benevolent contributions to the cause of Schools and Colleges, and that last year only about one-half of this amount was paid, and this year out of an

apportionment of $2,226 to Schools and Colleges we have paid only $334, we recommend:

1st—That Union Theological Seminary be put in our budget for 1.3 per cent of our total benevolent contributions, and that each church be requested to send this percent to Mr. Wm. R. Miller, the Treasurer of the Seminary, Richmond, Va.

2nd. That 6.2 per cent of all our benevolent contributions be sent to Mr. F. L. Jackson, Treasurer, Davidson, N. C., and that our Church Treasurers be urged to remit these funds at least quarterly.

3rd. We would heartily approve the plans of the Trustees of Peace Institute to raise the sum of $300,000 for endowment, and we would pledge our co-operation and support as a Presbytery, and commend this Institution and this Campaign to our churches.

N. N. FLEMING, Jr., Chairman of Committee.

The report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was received and approved. On motion, the following amounts suggested as loans by the chairman were approved, $175.00 each to Candidate Wildman and Perry.

The report of the Committee on Presbyterial Home Missions was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions has nothing of an unusual nature to report at this time. All our fields have been supplied during the past six months by sixteen men and two women workers, for all or part of the time.

Nearly all of them have had special services, and with many fine results have been reported.

We are glad to call your attention to the fact that one of our churches which was dissolved some years ago, viz.: Strickland, seems in a fair way to be resurrected. We have a fine Sunday school going there now, and in a meeting held by Mr. Dulin and Mr. Flanagan more than a year ago, several members were received, and this year four grown persons with their families were received on letter or statement, and three children on profession. Steps have been taken to repair and finish the church building. We hope soon to have a good church organized there.

The work in Goldsboro and Wayne county is going on nicely under the direction of Mrs. Geo. W. Butler. Mr. Chas. A. McRae was there again this Summer, and received some twenty members in

addition to twenty or more that were received last summer. There seems to be a good prospect of an organization at Georgetown, in Goldsboro, soon.

There seems also a good prospect of an organization at Conetoe in the near future.

Altogether our work is going forward, not "by leaps and bounds," but we hope, solidly and conservatively.

We are very sorry to lose Mr. Fleming from our work in the Presbytery, but hope soon to be able to put someone in his place who will carry on the good work he is laying down.

Mr. Gamble has taken up his work with much energy at Pinetops and Nahalah, and we predict a successful and forward work in these fields.

It is hardly necessary to call attention to the vastly improved equipment here at Nahalah, for it is very apparent to all who were familiar with the former condition of the church plant. A very large part of the credit for this improvement is due to the energy and perseverance of Rev. J. L. Yandell, who gave freely of his time and money to this work. The $500 left in the hands of the Trustees of Presbytery by the will of the late Capt. W. T. Whitehead, of Enfield, for this church, was also used in this way, and the church owes him and his heirs much gratitude for this beneficent gift.

The only possible note of gloom that we have to utter is the financial end of the business, which is brought out in the report of the Treasurer.

We recommend:

That in line with a suggestion that comes to us from Synod's Superintendent of Home Missions, we request that each of our workers make a careful survey in every mission field in our Presbytery, and at every place where they may contemplate beginning work in order to determine whether or not we are putting work and money to the very best use. It is our desire and purpose to center our efforts on strategic points, where there is an evident opportunity and need for the work of our church.

H. B. SEARIGHT, Chairman.

There was no report from the Committee on Church and Manse Erection.

Committee on Bible Cause made the following report:

Of this important though much neglected cause, your committee

presents some facts. The Budget of the Bible Society is about $1,500,000. Distribution of Bibles is about 1,250,000 copies, which cost 54 per cent more than cost, leaving 46 per cent cost to be supplied by gifts from all Protestant denominations.

An order from China for 1,500,000 copies of the Gospel for distribution was the largest received last year.

Churches of Albemarle Presbytery are urged to raise the full apportionment for this cause.

We recommend:

1. That pastors, elders, and the auxiliaries give prompt attention and loyal support of this Cause.

2. That pastors and elders in their visits among the people, see that all families have a Bible in their homes, as far as possible, and not simply a Testament.

L. COOK CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on the Orphans' Home read a report from Mr. J. B. Johnston, Superintendent, which was received as information.

The Committee on Evangelism made the following report:

One hundred and ninety professions of faith are reported; 125 by letter.

We are made sad by the fact that professions show a decrease. Fourteen of our churches failed to report any addition by profession.

There are 3713 resident members in this Presbytery, and only 190 additions by profession, only 1 soul brought to Christ by 21 members.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the Spring meeting of Presbytery be designated as a Presbytery of Evangelism.

2. That your Committee of Evangelism, together with the Chairman and Superintendent of Presbytery's Home Missions, be appointed to arrange a definite programme for the Spring meeting, and that ample time be given to the consideration of this vital subject.

3. That the Home Mission Superintendent urge all ministers to fill their Evangelistic appointments.

4. That we pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest may thrust forth laborers into His vineyard.

J. A. SATTERFIELD, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to report a feasible method of paying expenses of representatives to the meetings of Presbytery, and to report at this meeting.

Committee: Revs. E. C. Lynch, F. H. Scattergood, Elder W. A. Dees.

The report on Sabbath Observance and Family Religion was read, amended and adopted, as follows:

Considering the wide-spread desecration of the Sabbath and the sad neglect of the Family Altar, your committee recommends:

1. In ord r to increase interest in the proper observance of the Lord's Day, and in the erection of family altars, it is recommended that our ministers preach frequently on these subjects; and also where the way is clear, exchange pulpits, for the purpose of preaching on these subjects.

2. That young people's organizations, woman's auxiliaries, and men's organizations be urged to do what they can to promote Sabbath Observance and to establish, if possible, a Family Altar in every home.

3. That a report be sent to the chairman two weeks before the Spring Meeting of Presbytery by every pastor, telling, if possible, the visible results obtained from the above, and the number of Family Altars established this year.

D. H. DULIN,
J. B. SPARROW,
Committee.

The Special Committee appointed on Expenses to Presbytery reported as follows:

We recommend:

1. That the expenses of ministers in fields of work under the direction of the Home Mission Committee, incurred in their attendance upon stated meetings of Presbytery, be paid out of the Presbyterial Fund.

2. That a Standing Auditing Committee be appointed, who shall audit and approve all expense accounts, and make recommendation for payment.

Adopted.

The time of the Spring Meeting was fixed: Tuesday, April 12, 1927, 7:30 p. m., in the Pinetops church.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship was read and after discussion, was amended and recommendations adopted, as follows:

1. We recommend that the percentage of Beneficences between the General Assembly and local causes be changed from 60-40 to 50-50, the extra 10 per cent being divided as follows: 2½ per cent to Synod's Home Missions; 2½ per cent to Barium Springs; 2½ per cent to Schools and Colleges; 2½ per cent to Presbytery's Home Missions.

2. That the Stated Clerk be directed to notify the Secretary of Stewardship of the Synod that our Presbytery makes, and publishes, and distributes its own Apportionment Table, and does not desire Tables published by Synod's Secretary to be sent to the ministers and officers of our churches of this Presbytery.

3. The Presbytery of Albemarle does not see the way clear to raise the amount recommended by Synod for the personal support of the Synod's Stewardship Committee by increasing its Presbyterial Tax, but judges it best to leave this matter to the individual churches; and our Stewardship Committee is asked to furnish the churches with statistical information that will enable those churches that desire to contribute, to do so.

4. That pastors and church officers exercise greater diligence in their effort to secure a subscription from every member of the church, and not be content with simply raising the Budget of their church, recognizing that church members who do not worship God with their substance as He has blessed them fail to have a part with Christ in reconciling the world to Himself.

5. That Barium Springs Orphanage be allotted the Thanksgiving Offering and that every church be urged to make this offering equal at least to the amount assigned in the Budget and that this offering be not considered as a part of the Benevolent Askings for the Orphanage but as an over and above gift.

6. That all churches be urged to assume some definite part of the Foreign Mission Budget so that there may be developed in each a more personal interest in this work.

7. That Church Treasurers be urged not to use Benevolent Funds for the purpose of paying Pastors' Salaries and Current Expenses.

8. That Pastors and Church Officers give greater diligence in bringing men and women to understand the command of Jesus when he said: "Lay up for yourselves Treasures in Heaven," so that our members may receive the joy of giving in this life and the reward in the life to come.

9. That Pastors, Elders and Deacons be urged to co-operate with the Advisory Council of Business Men and Women in their effort to balance the Benevolent Askings of the Synod.

10. That November be designated as Stewardship Month, and that "Royal Partnership" by M. E. Melvin be the Stewardship Book to be studied. That the week of February 14th to 20th be designated as Loyalty Week; that March 13th, 1927, be designated as Every Member Canvass Day; that the week ending March 31, 1927, be observed as Pay Up Week.

11. That the Stewardship Committee hold Stewardship Conferences in the Presbytery as heretofore.

12. That the Men-of-the-Church, Woman's Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, be urged to give careful thought to the five departments of the Progressive Program: 1st, Spiritual Life; 2nd, Evangelism and Missions; 3rd, Christian Training; 4th Stewardship; 5th, Christian Social Service; and that as they contain the entire work of the Church the promotion of these five departments of the Progressive Program be considered their principle task.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send out the new apportionment table to all the churches in ample time for their Every-Member-Canvass.

The report of the Nomination Committee was adopted. (See Appendix).

Replying to the communication from the Assembly's Historical Committee, it was ordered that the Stated Clerk send a sketch of Dr. Summerell's labors in this Presbytery,

also a photograph. He being the only charter member still in Albemarle Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess till 7:30 p. m.

RECESS

Upon reassembling, a popular meeting on the subject of Foreign Missions was held. Chairman Wadley being in charge. After devotional services the report was read, and addresses were made by Messrs. Crane and Harden. A special prayer was, on motion, offered by the Moderator for Foreign Missionaries and especially for our own, Rev. O. C. Williamson, of Mexico.

The report was then adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee on Foreign Missions would report as follows:

We find that our Foreign Missions Committee has been, and is, suffering along with all our other Executive Committees from a lack of funds to adequately finance the work already begun.

For a number of years, this executive agency of ours has had to borrow and pay interest on money, in order to keep the workers in the fields and the work going. And this debt at the banks has gradually grown until now it is embarrassingly large and almost prohibitive of further increase. We all know that this accumulation of debt cannot go on forever. It would not be sound and economic business. And that is why our Committee at Nashville has resolved not to enlarge the work or send out additional workers, except as may be necessary to maintain the work already begun.

But just here, let us say that an encouraging and growing move has been started, which promises greatly to reduce the indebtedness of our Foreign Mission Committee, if not to wipe it out altogether. We refer to the challenge fund inaugurated by the church at Bristol, Tenn. It is reported that many churches and societies, both large and small, have accepted the challenge of the Bristol church to make a special gift, equivalent to one dollar per member, toward wiping out the indebtedness of our Assembly's Home and Foreign Mission Committees. And we rejoice in this encouraging sign, and commend the challenge to all who may be able to accept it.

But to wipe out the present indebtedness and be able to maintain

the work already begun is not enough to satisfy our compassionate souls and yearning hearts. For we feel that we must make haste to carry the Gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth and preach it to every creature. For the unsaved are dying at an astonishing rate and passing forever beyond the reach and saving power of the gospel. What we do for the salvation of those now living on earth, we must do quickly. And ours is the only generation directly responsible for their salvation. And if we blow not the gospel trumpet, and warn them, they will die in their iniquity; and God says that He will require their blood at our hands.

We also find that there is much new work that could be opened up and prosecuted to the growth of the kingdom of salvation and to the glory and joy of Him who died to save sinners, if only the money was in hand to pay the necessary expenses of the work.

And beyond doubt, ample money would very soon be available, if only Southern Presbyterians could find it in their hearts to quit robbing God and pay Him what they owe. To be sure, we have our poor, as do all other denominations. But, as a whole, our church is amply able to double and even treble her financial support of the kingdom work.

We find that there are many young men and young women who have spent much time, and money, and hard study in preparation of themselves for work in the foreign fields to which they believe God is calling them to labor; and they are more than willing to go and work in these fields to which they believe God is calling them to labor in these fields. And what a sorrow, and shame, and disappointment it is that they should be kept still waiting to hear their church say, Go, and be our partners in these fields in which God is calling us to labor, and we will surely furnish adequate support for the work.

Friends, how much longer can these young servants of God, and our would-be-partners, hold out to wait? How much longer can their tired patience and disappointed faith in their church endure the blighting ordeal to which we are subjecting them? We have long prayed that God would thrust forth laborers into His harvest. And he has graciously answered our prayers as far as He can without our co-operation. Let us now prove the sincerity of our prayers and the yearning of our hearts for the redemption of lost souls by furnishing the money to equip and send these young people on to the rich harvest fields God is calling them and us to labor in.

In view of the above considerations, and others just as imperative, we propose the following recommendations:

1. That our Presbytery and its churches accept the percentage for Foreign Missions recommended by our General Assembly, and that every church in our Presbytery will make an honest effort to pay its full quota for Foreign Missions.

2. That our ministers be requested to acquaint their congregations with more of the facts of our Foreign Mission work.

3. That our churches be urged, as far as practicable, to comply with the Assembly's request to observe the week ending February 5, 1927, as a week of prayer for Foreign Missions.

4. That all our Young People's Societies be encouraged to secure from the Educational Department the special missionary programs already prepared as they are called for in the regular Young People's Society topic schedules.

5. That our General Assembly's recommendations, respecting Sunday schools and Young People's Societies be urged upon those in our Presbytery. Namely:

(1) "That during the remainder of this year all our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies be urged to study intensively the work of our Korean mission, and that they apply all their Foreign Mission gifts to the $60,000 being raised this year by our Sunday Schools for Korea, it being understood, of course, that all such offerings shall be credited to the church as part of its foreign missions apportionment, and not as an additional offering."

(2) "That our Young People's Societies be urged to apply all their foreign mission offerings to those special missionaries assigned by the Asembly to the Southern Presbyterian Young People's Societies, it being understood that all such offerings shall be credited to the church as part of its foreign mission apportionment, and not as an additional offering."

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. WADLEY, Chairman.

The Committee on Thanks offered its resolution, which, by a rising vote, was approved, and ordered read from the pulpit at the next Lord's Day service.

Committee on Vacancy and Supply made no report.

Committee on Minutes of Assembly was given orally—and accepted as information.

The Committee on the Installation of Rev. E. C. Lynch at Wilson, reported the work done September 5th, 11:00 a. m.

Committee on the organization of a church in East Kinston, reported that the closing of the mill at that point had scattered so many of the prospective members, that it was deemed inadvisable to attempt the organization at this time. The committee's judgment was commended, and it was continued.

The committee on a letter of sympathy to Mrs. W. A. Hart, reported its duty performed.

The Committee on Tillery church reported, giving conditions there. The report was received as information and the committee was discharged.

Commissioners Searight and Wadley reported their attendance at the Assembly. Their diligence was commended.

The following report of the Committee on Attendance was read and approved:

Elder Jefferson was excused after 4:00 p. m. today. Messrs. McIntyre, Willard, Dees, and Woodward after 5:30. Messrs. Peters and Lawrence after afternoon session.

Rev. J. A. Vache was appointed to preach the Presbyterial Sermon at next Spring Meeting.

The Roll was then called and checked off.

Minutes were read and approved. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Pinetops church at 7:30 p. m., April 12, 1927. Closed with prayer and Benediction.

H. H. Leach, *Moderator.*

W. S. Harden, *Temporary Clerk.*

Attest—J. N. H. Summerell, *Stated Clerk.*

Called Meeting

Wilson, N. C., December 23rd, 1926.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met pursuant to Call, and was called to order by Rev. A. J. Crane, last Moderator present, opened with prayer by Mr. Conger.

Rev. W. A. Gamble was requested to act as Clerk. Present, *Ministers*—A. J. Crane, L. Cook Campbell, J. A. Satterfield, Willard Conger, D. H. Dulin, E. C. Lynch; *Elder* H. D. Brown, of Wilson church.

The Call was read, and by common consent, Wilmington Presbytery was inserted instead of Fayetteville.

THE CALL

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 10, 1926.

All constitutional requirements being complied with, I hereby call a meeting of Albemarle Presbytery to be held in the Presbyterian church, Wilson, N. C., at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, Dec. 23, 1926, to transact the following business:

1. To consider the resignation of Rev. D. H. Dulin as Evangelist of Wilson County;

2. To consider the request of Rev. D. H. Dulin to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and,

3. To act on any matters growing out of the above.

H. H. LEACH, Moderator.

Mr. Dulin presented calls from Pike and Rocky Point churches in Wilmington Presbytery, and gave his reasons for giving up his present work, and for going to Rocky Point.

Revs. H. H. Leach and W. S. Harden came in, and were enrolled, (delayed in transit). Mr. Leach took the Chair.

Remarks, in *extenso,* were made by Mr. Crane and Mr. Lynch. The result was that Mr. Dulin was released from his work in Wilson County, the calls were found in order, placed in his hands; he was granted a letter of dismission to Wilming-

ton Presbytery, which letter the Stated Clerk was instructed to issue.

Mr. Dulin's position on the Committees of Presbytery, were left unfilled till the Spring Meeting.

No further business being required or allowed, on motion Presbytery adjourned, closed with prayer by Mr. Satterfield.

H. H. Leach, *Moderator.*

W. A. Gamble, *Clerk Pro Tem.*

Attest—J. N. H. Summerell, *Stated Clerk.*

10. **Men's Work**—1929: Elders N. O. Warner, Chairman; R. B. Spencer, Rev. W. S. Harden.

11. **Sabbath Observance and Family Religion**—1927: Rev. D. H. Dulin, Chairman; Elder J. B. Sparrow. F.

12. **Evangelism and Prison Work**—1927: Revs. J. A. Satterfield, Chairman; W. S. Harden, Elder Dr. B. W. Brown. F.

Evangelistic Appointments, S.

13. **Systematic Beneficence and Stewardship**—1928: Rev. F. H. Scattergood, Secretary of Stewardship and ex-officio Chairman, A. J. Crane, Willard Conger, C. E. Thompson. S. & F.

15. **Vacancy and Supply**—1928: Revs. H. B. Searight, Chairman; A. J. Crane, J. N. H. Summerell. F.

16. **Auditing Committee**—Deacons J. R. Pender, Jr., R. B. Peters, Jr. S.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES

1. **Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Gospel Ministry**—The Moderator.

2. **Natural and Exact Sciences**—Revs. Willard Conger, Chairman; J. T. Wildman, F. H. Scattergood, Elder H. B. Smith.

3. **Languages: English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Latin Thesis, and Critical Exegesis**—Revs. H. B. Searight, Chairman; W. S. Harden, J. L. Yandell.

4. **Church History**—Revs. A. J. Crane, Chairman; L. Cook Campbell.

5. **Theology, Natural and Revealed**—Revs. H. B. Searight, Chairman; A. J. Crane, E. C. Lynch.

6. **Philosophy, Logic, and Rhetoric**—Revs. Peter McIntyre, Chairman; Willard Conger, J. A. Vache.

7. **Church Government and Sacraments**—Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Chairman; G. B. Hanrahan, W. T. Wadley, H. H. Leach.

[The Stated Clerk is not certain of accuracy in the personnel of all the Committees.]

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W. A. GAMBLE	Pinetops, N. C.

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